



WISCONSIN ANNUAL SURVEY OF HOME HEALTH AGENCIES



This publication presents summary information from the 2000 Wisconsin Annual Survey of Home Health Agencies. Wisconsin had 155 licensed home health agencies and 72,046 home health patients in 2000. There were 3.4 million home health visits during the year.

HOME HEALTH AGENCY CHARACTERISTICS

	2000	1999	1990
Agencies by Ownership Type			
Governmental	32	32	50
Nonprofit	70	73	69
Proprietary	53	52	50
All home health agencies	155	157	169
Patients by Ownership Type			
Governmental	5,987	6,369	12,470
Nonprofit	54,765	57,808	35,767
Proprietary	11,294	10,423	12,281
All home health agencies	72,046	74,600	60,518
Agencies by Certification Type			
Medicare	142	150	155
Medicaid	146	152	156
Personal care	112	117	116
Hospice	42	42	21

HOME HEALTH EMPLOYEES, 2000

Type of Employee	Number	% Part-Time	FTEs Per 100 Patients
RNs	1,750	68%	1.56
LPNs	358	70	0.30
Home health aides	1,786	76	1.36
Personal care workers	1,781	90	1.41
All employees*	7,973	78%	6.64

\* Includes all full-time, part-time, and on-leave employees, but excludes contract employees. Data reflect the week of December 3-9, 2000.

HOME HEALTH PATIENTS

	2000	1999	1990
Percent Female	59%	60%	60%
Percent by Age			
Age 55 and younger	25	26	19
Ages 55 to 64	10	9	10
Age 65 and older	66	65	72
Age 85 and older	19	19	18
Home Health Utilization Rate (Patients per 1,000 Population)			
Total Population	13.4	14.1	12.4
Female	15.7	16.6	14.6
Female 65 and older	71.3	74.0	69.1
Male	11.2	11.5	9.5
Male 65 and older	60.7	62.6	56.9
Number Admitted	68,848	71,508	52,744
Percent by Place from Which Admitted			
Private residence	24%	20%	25%
General hospital	61	61	58
Nursing home	6	7	4
Other	9	12	13
Number Discharged or Died	68,847	71,055	50,237
Percent by Place to Which Discharged			
Private residence	73%	71%	64%
General hospital	14	14	18
Nursing home	4	5	6
Other	7	8	5
(Deaths)	(3)	(3)	(7)
Number of Patients on a Typical Day**	7,243	8,544	8,206

\*\*The “typical day” for 2000 was December 7; in 1999 and 1990 the “typical day” was in April.

	2000	1999	1990
Percent by Pay Source***			
Medicaid	14%	16%	20%
Medicare	56	54	48
Private insurance	14	13	11
Managed care/HMOs	8	9	3
Self pay	5	6	10
Other	3	3	7
Percent with Selected Diagnoses			
Cardiovascular disease	15%	15%	16%
Arthritis	10	9	5
Cancer	8	8	11
Respiratory diseases	7	7	6

HOME HEALTH SERVICES

	2000	1999	1990
Percent of Patients by Type of Service***			
Skilled nursing	75%	80%	89%
Home health aide	23	25	41
Physical therapy	30	26	11
Personal care	10	10	n/a
Percent of Agencies Providing Services at:			
Adult Family Homes	51%	46%	n/a
Residential Care/Assisted Living Apts.	61	61	n/a
Community-Based Res. Facilities	72	69	n/a

HOME HEALTH AGENCY REVENUE (SELF-REPORTED)

	2000	1999	1990
Total Agency Revenue (in millions)	\$194.1	\$188.0	\$146.1
Medicare	42.3%	44.9%	28.7%
Medicaid	40.1	37.0	44.3
Other government	3.0	2.8	3.8
Third party	9.7	9.8	11.5
Self pay	4.4	4.7	9.5
Other sources	0.5	0.8	2.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

\*\*\* Each patient can have more than one pay source or type of service.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The source of data for these tables is the Annual Survey of Home Health Agencies, which was conducted by the Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, in cooperation with the Bureau of Fee-for-Service Health Care Benefits, Division of Health Care Financing; the Bureau of Quality Assurance, Division of Supportive Living; and Wisconsin-licensed home health agencies.

The 2000 survey population consisted of 155 home health agencies. The survey form was sent to all Wisconsin home health agencies in April 2001 along with the Bureau of Quality Assurance's annual report form (which has replaced a license renewal form). Only agencies that were still in operation in April 2001 were mailed the 2000 survey. Agencies operating in 2000 that did not complete the survey had either closed before April 2001, or closed within a few months.

Please note that the Annual Survey of Home Health Agencies **does not include agencies that provide personal care only.** (It does include those agencies that provide both home health care and personal care.)

*Home health services* are performed by either a registered nurse, a home health aide (under the supervision of a registered nurse), a licensed practical nurse, or a licensed therapist. These services may include skilled nursing, respiratory care, home health aide, personal care, medication management, medical social services, and physical, occupational, and speech and language therapies provided by a qualified individual in accordance with a patient's plan of care. *Personal care services* are performed by personal care workers under the supervision of a registered nurse. These services assist an individual with activities of daily living necessary to maintain the individual in his or her place of residence in the community, such as assistance with bathing, transferring, personal hygiene, changing bedding and clothing, toileting, meal preparation, and light housekeeping.

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